

## **LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 2014 – open to the public**

DATE: 06-24-2014 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: **ORU building; 201 Bills Road in Lakeside.**

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

### **AGENDA:**

1. Call to order and Sign-in sheet passed.
2. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
3. Approve Agenda.
4. Approve prior meeting minutes: Approve meeting minutes from May 2014.
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled): none
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled): Guest speaker Heidi Sedivy (Education Coordinator at Eurasian Watermilfoil Task Force of Sanders County) on invasive species in Montana
7. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
  - a. Welcome new council members, if present.
  - b. By-Laws – status update.
  - c. Guest speakers at upcoming meetings.
8. Lakeside Plan Implementation Strategies and beginning update for next plan:
  - a. Any updates on Hwy 93 @ Adams St. issue?
  - b. Any updates on Solid Waste Consolidation
9. Meeting adjourned

NOTE: Public comment will be accepted on any agenda item when that item is being discussed.

### **MEETING MINUTES:**

Council Members attending: Barb Miller, Warren Davis, Mike Wilson, Meredith Coopman, David Fetveit

Council Members not attending: Gene Shellerud, Colby Lenz

P&Z attendees: none

Public: Maggie Davis, Jaix Chaix, Dan Benesch, Steve Rosso, Rich Williams, Jan Williams, Heidi Seedivvy

### **MINUTES:**

1. Call to order at 7:05pm.
2. Public comments not on agenda: Maggie Davis gave an update on the extension to Volunteer Park. The water rights application (for irrigation only) is submitted. A preliminary agreement has been reached with the County to accept the park into the County parks system. MDT approved 30 ft. sidewalk. Estimated date of use is 3 weeks from date of last signature. There will be a public hearing with the Commissioners – watch their agendas to find out when and please attend and support the project.
3. Barb moved, Warren seconded and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.
4. Barb moved, Warren seconded and passed unanimously to approve May meeting minutes.
5. No County business to consider.
6. Guest speaker: Heidi Seedivvy, Education Coordinator for Flathead Lakers, gave a presentation and answered questions regarding invasive species in our area. Some points made are summarized at the end of

the minutes. Heidi was asked to send us a copy of the presentation for our files.

7. Procedural

- a. Welcome new members: Welcome to Warren; Colby was unable to attend this meeting.
- b. By-Laws: The Commissioners rejected our proposed changes. Neither the letter from BJ (attached) nor the minutes of the Commissioners meeting give any reasoning behind this decision. Commissioners meeting minutes are also posted at the end of the meeting minutes. Barb moved, Mike seconded and pass unanimously that a letter from the Council be drafted and sent to the Commissioners (copy BJ), requesting their reasoning in rejecting the changes. Barb to draft and send to David.
- c. Guest speakers for upcoming meetings:
  - i. QRU in July
  - ii. Paul Jenkins in August

8. Lakeside Plan

- a. No updates on Adams St. issue.
- b. Dan Benesch gave some updates on the green box issue. He also indicated that the Board had backed off on consolidation of the Bigfork green box site and were interested in an alternative the Bigfork community group suggested. It was suggested that 6-8 volunteers from the Lakeside community form a community group like the one in Bigfork and plan approaches and alternatives to propose to the Solid Waste Board for the Lakeside site. This would be a community group of volunteers, not a subcommittee or group designated by the Community Council. At the meeting, Dan Benesch, Barb Miller and Warren Davis volunteered and Barb agreed to try and draft a few other volunteers; goal is to have a first meeting in July to get started.

9. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.



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June 16, 2014

David Fetveit, Chair  
Lakeside Community Council  
P.O. Box 291  
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Dear David:

Thank you for forwarding the most recent changes to the Lakeside Community Council Bylaws for the Commissioner's review. On June 12, 2014 the Commissioners made a motion to reject the amendments and leave them as they are currently written.

We appreciate the efforts of the Lakeside Community Council and look forward to continuing working with the members of the Council.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Grieve".

BJ Grieve, AICP®, CFM®  
Planning Director

FROM THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2014:

**CONTINUATION OF DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: AMENDMENT TO LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY-LAWS**

**10:40:00 AM**

Present: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Clerk Kile

- a. Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to reject the amendments to the Lakeside Community Council by-laws and to leave them as they are currently written. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
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**SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM HEIDI'S PRESENTATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES:**

- Flathead Lakers has 1500 members.
- Economic value of Flathead Lake is estimated to be \$11 billion.
- Flathead is the cleanest lake and watershed in the world. There is a threat of Phosphorus pollution with so much development around the lake. And there has been a decline in quality over the last 30 years.
- Can't control spring run-off, but can control sewage treatment and septic.
- Free consultations are available to property owners to check the property. Native grasses are better than turn grass (fertilizers) and help keep sediment out of the lake.
- Great if developers or individuals contact the Lakers prior to construction. Best Management Practice is to have native plant buffers.
- There will be a "walk & talk" tour later in the summer about native buffers.
- Programs are also offered for kids to learn.
- Currently doing DNA tests to detect mussels.
- Some invasive species (*Please forgive any spelling errors*):
  - Whirling diseases – attacks trout.
  - New Zealand mussel & snail
  - Flowering rush
  - Curly Leaf
  - Eurasian milfoil
  - American bull frog
  - Hydrilla (aquarian plant)
  - Northern snake head
  - Asian carp
  - Asian clam
  - Viral Hemorage Sep. (VHS)
  - Rusty crayfish
  - Zebra & auagga mussel – attach to everything, clog & close off drains/pipes; can lay up to 1 million eggs per year.
- How we can help:
  - Clean, drain and dry BOTH boat AND gear and trailers.
  - Spread the message about invasive species.
  - 1-800-847-6668 to report suspect items
  - Become a volunteer ( [imnal.heidi@gmail.com](mailto:imnal.heidi@gmail.com) )

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- Possible impacts of polluted lake:
  - 10-30% decrease in tourism
  - Utility rates up 10-20%
  - Property values drop 10-20%
- Flowering Rush: plant introduced in the 1960's
  - Root spreading; like tree roots
  - Can treat smaller patches more easily than larger ones – tough to get all the roots.
  - Bottom barriers can be used but as temporary solution only.
  - Herbicides also somewhat temporary.
  - No real long term solution.
  - Polson infestation is bad as is Fenton Slough
- More info on Flathead Lakers website: [www.flatheadlakers.org](http://www.flatheadlakers.org)

#### COMMENTS FROM STEVE ROSSO:

- Curly Leaf Pond weed discovered and has spread. 2 growing seasons – now and October.
- Weed is in Mission View Harbor, Cherry Hill Harbor, near the red school house by the marina – the infestation is out near the end of the docs. Also in Peaceful Bay.
- Doing diver dredging, but this needs to continue for 4-5 years to be effective.
- Some people are more cooperative than others.
- West Shore: small infestations now, but need cooperation of land owners to remove.
- Native weeds are important to our environment; need to be careful in treating invasive species.
- Flathead Lake is clean and, as such, lots of sunlight gets through & all plants like sunlight.
- Infestation not considered cleared for 5 years; need to constantly check.
- 60-70% pollution comes from the air (smoke from fires that settle in lake; off shore breezes blowing toward lake.
- 30% from major rivers and streams
- 5-10% washes off the shoreline.